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1. I CALLED ON MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DIRGEN TULUMEN AT HIS REQUEST AUGUST 26. IN ADDITION TO ANOTHER TOPIC COVERED IN SEPTTEL, HE WISHED TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF CYPRUS PROBLEM IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SECURITY COUNCIL.
2. ON THE UNGA PROCEDURAL QUESTION, TULUMEN SAID THE GOT WOULD ASK THE GENERAL COMMITTEE TO REFER THE CYPRUS PROBLEM TO THE FIRST (POLITICAL) COMMITTEE THIS YEAR INSTEAD OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE, THE FIRST COMMITTEE BEING MORE PRESTIGIOUS. IT WOULD BE REQUESTED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS BE GIVEN A VOICE THERE. HE ASKED THAT THE US SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL. IF THE US AND SOME OTHER
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WESTERN COUNTRIES SUPPORTED TURKEY, TOGETHER WITH THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES, THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE A FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE, HE ESTIMATED.
3. TURNING TO THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD TAKE UP THE VAROSHA PROBLEM, TULUMEN SAID THAT THE REALITY WAS THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF OPENING ANY OF THE BIG HOTELS, THAT THE CONSTANTIA HOTEL HAD BEEN OPENED,

THAT A FEW MORE BUILDINGS WOULD BE PUT INTO USE IF THEY COULD BE REPAIRED (AN ACTION THAT WOULD FACILITATE SEALING OFF THE REST OF VAROSHA), AND THAT NEITHER THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT NOR THE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN A DECISION TO OPEN VAROSHA FOR SETTLEMENT. HE WARNED THAT IF THE VAROSHA PROBLEM IS TAKEN UP BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE TURKISH REP WILL BE FORCED TO TAKE A STRONG POSITION. THE CONSEQUENCE WILL BE THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL SIMPLY "LOSE VAROSHA".

4. I THEN READ ALOUD THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 6, REF A. I ADDED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT AN ASSURANCE ALONG THE LINES WE WERE REQUESTING HAD ALREADY BEEN GIVEN THE EC-9. TULUMEN'S FIRST REACTION WAS TO ASK, "CAN YOU CONVINCE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS TO STOP?" HE SAID HE HAD READ THE REPORT OF MFA SEC GEN ELEKDAG'S MEETING WITH THE BELGIAN AMB ON THIS SUBJECT AND ELEKDAG HAD ONLY SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO DECISION TO PROCEED WITH SETTLEMENT. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT TO GIVE SUCH AN ASSURANCE, BECAUSE "IF IT'S LEAKED TO THE REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY, THEY (THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT) ARE FINISHED". THERE HAD BEEN NO COMMITMENT BY ANY TURKISH GOVERNMENT TO GIVE BACK VAROSHA TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS, AND IT NOW WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ANY GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SUCH A COMMITMENT. IF HE HIMSELF WERE PRESSED OFFICIALLY ON THE SUBJECT, HE WOULD HAVE TO RETREAT TO HIS AUTHORIZED POSITION, WHICH WAS SIMPLY THAT VAROSHA IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE TURKISH
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FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS.

5. RECAPITULATING, I SAID THAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HE HAD SAID WAS THAT THE GOT DID NOT WANT TO GIVE US FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AN ASSURANCE REGARDING TURKEY'S LIMITED OBJECTIVES IN VAROSHA BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD LEAK AND SERIOUSLY EMBARRASS THE GOVERNMENT. SUPPOSE, I SAID, THAT WE TELL THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THAT WE ARE CONVINCED, BASED ON REPORTING FROM ANKARA, THAT THE GOT'S OBJECTIVES IN VAROSHA ARE IN FACT LIMITED, AND THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON THE SUBJECT WOULD BE DAMAGING TO GREEK CYPRIOT INTERESTS. TULUMEN CAUTIOUSLY DECLINED TO BE DRAWN OUT.

6. I THEN RAISED THE SUBJECT OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. I READ FROM REF B THE REPORT OF TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS' STATEMENTS OF GREEK CYPRIOT WILLINGNESS TO RESUME THE TALKS. I NOTED THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AS YET, BUT IT WAS LOGICAL THAT I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE OCCUPIED HIGH GROUND WITH THIS STATEMENT. THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ENDORSED THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND IT THEREFORE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM TO RESTATE THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN CONTINUING THEM. IF I WERE A TURKISH POLICY MAKER, I SAID, I WOULD GET OUT A STATE-

MENT QUICKLY.

7. COMMENT: IF THE GOT CANNOT GIVE ASSURANCES THAT TURKEY WILL NOT GO BEYOND OPENING THE CONSTANTIA HOTEL (AND TULUMEN'S CONTENTION REGARDING DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS AGAINST LEAKABLE ASSURANCES SEEMS TO ME CREDIBLE), I SUGGEST THAT WE TRY TO MAKE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF HIS ASSERTION THAT NO GOT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO OPEN VAROSHA FOR SETTLEMENT. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WORTHWHILE TO TRY AN APPROACH TO THE GREEK CYPRIOTS ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 5 ABOVE.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE TO REQUEST IN PARA 2.
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